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BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Masayuki UEGANE
CONNECTING STRUCTURE FOR EXHAUST PIPES
Our Ref. Q61719

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including twenty-two (22) sheets of the specification, claims, four (4) sheets of formal drawings, executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is the Information Disclosure Statement with references and PTO 1449.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>8</u>	-	20	=	<u> </u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u> </u>	\$0.00
Independent claims	<u>1</u>	-	3	=	<u> </u>	x	\$80.00	=	<u> </u>	\$0.00
Base Fee										\$710.00
TOTAL FILING FEE										\$710.00
Recordation of Assignment										\$40.00
TOTAL FEE										\$750.00

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$710.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from November 12, 1999 based on JP Application No. 11-322735. The priority document is enclosed herewith.

Since the anniversary of the priority date fell on a Sunday, the filing of this application on November 13, 2000, is sufficient to obtain the benefit of priority.

Respectfully submitted,
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